

**Comments in Response to Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking  
MB Docket No. 04-233**

I listen to the local KLOVE radio station because it plays songs with a Christian theme, provides an arena for people to hear the word of God and ministers to us when needed. I get pretty stressed at work and I commute to work. The rude people on the road can really ruin my day, and I have found that listening to KLOVE helps calm me down and return my focus to God and what is good.

Having KLOVE to listen too has been a blessing to us especially over the last few years. First we lost my father in law, then my mother in law passed away the day I put my wife in the hospital. My wife has been battling ovarian cancer for the last year. KLOVE has been there to remind us of God's love, to encourage us and to pray for us.

I respectfully submit the following comments in response to the Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (the "NPRM"), released Jan. 24, 2008, in MB Docket No. 04-233.

Any new FCC rules, policies or procedures must not violate First Amendment rights. A number of proposals discussed in the NPRM, if enacted, would do so – and should not be adopted.

(1) The FCC must not force radio stations, especially religious broadcasters, to take advice from people who do not share their values. The NPRM's proposed advisory board proposals would impose such unconstitutional mandates. Religious broadcasters who resist advice from those who don't share their values could face increased harassment, complaints and even loss of license for choosing to follow their own consciences, rather than allowing incompatible viewpoints to shape their programming. The First Amendment prohibits government, including the FCC, from dictating what viewpoints a broadcaster, particularly a religious broadcaster, must present. There is also a separation of church and State which does not allow the government to support a particular religion but also precludes it from discriminating against such religions.

(2) The FCC must not turn every radio station into a public forum where anyone has rights to air time. Proposed public access requirements would do so – even if a religious broadcaster conscientiously objects to the message. The First Amendment forbids imposition of message delivery mandates on any religion.

(3) The FCC must not force revelation of specific editorial decision-making information. The choice of programming, especially religious programming, is not properly dictated by any government agency – and proposals to force reporting on such things as who produced what programs would intrude on constitutionally-protected editorial choices and the separation of church and State.

(4) The FCC must not establish a two-tiered renewal system in which certain licensees would be automatically barred from routine renewal application processing. The proposed mandatory special renewal review of certain classes of applicants by the Commissioners themselves would amount to coercion of religious broadcasters. Those who stay true to their consciences and present only the messages they correspond to their beliefs could face long, expensive and potentially ruinous renewal proceedings. The rules should be fair and the same for all broadcasters in the same domain (IE: not for profit). Keep government out of religion.

(5) Many broadcasters operate on tight budgets. These can be Christian broadcasters as well as many smaller market secular stations. Keeping the electricity flowing is often a challenge. Yet, the Commission proposes to further squeeze niche and smaller market broadcasters, by substantially raising costs in two ways: (a) by requiring staff presence whenever a station is on the air and, (b) by further restricting main studio location choices. Raising costs with these proposals would force service cutbacks – and curtailed service is contrary to the public interest. Are these rules consistent for all types of broadcasting?

(6) The government should make sure that all businesses follow the rules but should not be telling a people how to run their business.

I urge the FCC not to adopt rules, procedures or policies discussed above.

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